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March 13, 2006

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Bryce Yokomizo, Director

**SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO NEGOTIATE A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT
WITH THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY**

In accordance with your Board's motion on February 23, 1999, on sole source contracts of \$250,000 or greater, I am informing you that the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) intends to negotiate a sole source contract with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA).

The current contract with LAHSA expires June 30, 2006. The contract is comprised of two projects, Homeless CalWORKs Families Project (HCFP) and the Outreach and Emergency Shelters Services (OESS). County Counsel has advised DPSS to execute the two projects in separate contracts. The HCFP Contract Number 75159, will be amended by DPSS' Board-delegated authority to extend the contract from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 at a cost of \$1.9 million. A new contract will be executed to continue OESS for one year at a maximum cost of \$3 million, with two one-year options to renew. Both projects will continue the homelessness prevention services to homeless CalWORKs families. The total estimated cost of \$4.9 million will be funded with CalWORKs Single Allocation for FY 06-07. There are no net County costs involved.

State regulations allow contracting without competitive solicitation when services are to be rendered by a public agency. As such, LAHSA has the expertise and experience to provide the needed services. DPSS has contracted with LAHSA since 2002, providing funding for a variety of services to homeless CalWORKs families. LAHSA's performance on the current contract with DPSS has been satisfactory.

As instructed by your Board, we will not begin contract negotiations with LAHSA on a sole source basis until the two-week notification period has passed.

BY:jv

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
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